



## Angler Education Program Annual Tackle Loaner Report FY 2018



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Tackle Loaner Program aims to recruit or reactivate anglers to the sport by providing access to fishing equipment to park visitors free of charge. The primary audience is families who have never fished or who already enjoy fishing yet might not have access to equipment.

The Angler Education Program provides fishing equipment free of charge to **55 Tackle Loaner sites** throughout the state who are willing to circulate and maintain the equipment. Partners include **46 State Parks** and **9 municipal sites** that have access to fishable public waters, with some near TPWD stocked Neighborhood Fishing Ponds. We received reports from 41 of the 55 sites. Of the nine municipal sites, Hurst Public Library had the highest number of borrowers (129). For a list of sites, see our [Tackle Loaner webpage](#).

Total number of people borrowing fishing equipment this fiscal year was **5,568 individuals**, 16% were first time anglers (877), and 14% of the borrowers (784) reported catching their first fish ever.

Group	FY 2018
Youth Male	1,648
Youth Female	1,051
<b>Subtotal Youth</b>	<b>2,699</b>
Adult Male	1,711
Adult Female	1,158
<b>Subtotal Adult</b>	<b>2,869</b>
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>5,568</b>

Table 1. The number of youth and adult users were nearly equal (48.5% youth; 51.5% adults). Females made up nearly 40% of the users.

Rank	Site	# of Borrowers
1	Tyler SP	779
2	Inks Lake SP*	684
3	Fort Parker SP**	354
4	Ray Roberts Lake SP	330
5	Blanco SP	288
6	Sea Rim SP	252
7	Lake Whitney SP	248
8	Purtis Creek SP	234
9	Meridian SP	204
10	Lockhart SP	201

Table 2. \*Inks Lake had the most first-time anglers. \*\*Fort Parker borrowers caught the most fish.

